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In re:

Applicant: MERKEL, W., et al

Serial No.: 09/734,989

Filed: March 2, 2001

AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER RULE 312

June 21, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 1-17 cancelled.

18. (Currently amended) A wiper blade for windshields of
motor vehicles, comprising: